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CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF STATE DOCUMENTS

With the enactment of S.B. 40, "A bill to create a state publications distribution center as a division of the state library..." the major objective for which this Committee was appointed has been achieved.

The State Publications Distribution Center Law enacted by the 40th Legislative Assembly incorporates, with one minor change recommended by the Attorney General, the provisions of the proposed legislation approved by the MLA at its 1966 annual convention. To the MLA Legislative Committee we extend sincere appreciation for presenting the bill and carrying it to a successful vote.

Under the provisions of this law, all libraries in the state are guaranteed access to Montana state publications, either through a depository distribution system or by inter-library loan. Libraries are urged to study this law and to reexamine their document needs as a preliminary to cooperation with the State Publications Distribution Center in implementation of the law. Developing a program for implementing the law is the considerable task now before the State Library.

While the function of this Committee has in a sense been completed, it might be continued, if the Association sees fit, as an aid to the State Library in the establishment of the Center and the development of procedures for cooperation with libraries and state agencies.

In addition, it might now be appropriate to examine the adequacy of Montana state government reporting. While some improvement has been made in recent years, there remain serious gaps in the reporting of Montana state services. Financial reporting is inadequate since the reports from the State Auditor and the State Treasurer were discontinued by Legislature in 1933 for economy reasons. Serious omissions characterize the reporting from state regulatory commissions and institutions. Other examples of inadequate reporting include the virtually non-existent reports of special commissions and temporary agencies.

Recommendations

The Committee recommends:

1. That this Committee be continued for an indefinite time;

2. That it give all possible assistance to the State Library in implementation of the State Publications Distribution Center;

3. That the Committee's function be extended to include an examination of adequacy of state reporting in Montana and development of appropriate recommendations.

4. That the name of the Committee be changed to Montana State Publications Committee.

Mary Dempsey, Ruth O. Longworth, Lucile Speer, Chairman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Many of us served on the Library Development Committee for Montana. I am particularly pleased to report that some of the goals projected in "Plan for Development of Library Service in Montana" by Ruth Warncke have been achieved through the legislative program. These are "Planning for Improved Legislation" and "Securing Adequate Finances." While adequate financing is not yet achieved, we did receive a gratifying increase.

S.B. 39, introduced by Senators William Bertsche, Jack D. Rehberg, Robert S. Cotton, Robert J. Rasmussen and Edward T. Dussault, up-dated city and county library laws dating back to 1915 and raised the permissive mill levy for counties to 3 mills and cities and towns to 4-1/2 mills. It also clarified duties of trustees and set up library boards in a uniform manner. This passed both Senate and House and was signed by the Governor.

S.B. 40, introduced by the same group of men, created a State Publications Library Distribution Center for the State Library. This will fulfill a great need in the gap of state publications on file in various libraries. The Central Distribution of State Documents committee of MLA was particularly helpful in writing the law and securing support for it. This, too, passed with flying colors.

S.B. 41, patterned after the law drawn up by the Council of State Governments provides for inter-state compacts with other libraries. This is important for future cooperation between states and regions. This bill was introduced by the above Senators, passed both houses and was signed into law.

Because the Senate felt the State Library building should become a part of an all-over office building program, H.B. 246, introduced by Bardanouve and Dye, was killed. This had reserved a site for a possible new State Library Building. This will become a part of a total plan for presentation to the next legislative assembly.

Two years ago we were fortunate in revising the law setting up the State Library and outlining its functions. With the city and county laws section now new and revised, we are well on our way to having a clean slate of effective library legislation.

Now for the financial picture. This year we received $100,000 from the State General fund for each of the next two years! This means an increase of $25,000 for each year and with finances the way they were in this 40th Session, we were among the few agencies that showed an increase. We did not receive our full request, nor were matching funds fully provided for the new titles under the Library Services and Construction Act but we are grateful for the sizeable increase we did receive. If we start working on it now, maybe we can achieve our goal of 100% support two years from now, plus money for Titles III and IV.

Every week I made one or two trips to Helena, numerous phone calls and wrote lots of notes and letters to Helena Legislators. Because each of the members of my Legislative Committee of 307 members did such a fine job, most of these legislators knew about the library program in the state. We had a grand lobby and the numerous letters, written so intelligently, impressed these men and women who make our laws.

My initial contact with Legislative Committee members was by phone. It really paid off because this personal contact made a more interested and active group of workers. Some 307 members became active supporters of the program. Each Legislator received a personal letter from me before leaving for Helena. I sent information on our three bills to each committee member. When they knew the names of the committee members hearing the bills, they wrote to them. The Legislative Committee members called or wrote to members of the subcommittee to urge an increase in State Funds for the State Library budget. As you see, we were successful. The legislators cooperated with us and because we knew what we wanted and needed to bring better laws to the library field, they passed them.

We have been very careful to thank those who helped us and did not violate the confidences of those who trusted us.

Each member of the Legislature will get a personal letter from me and each Legislative Committee member will receive a thank you memo.

National Library Week is stressing the program for this development in Montana. We can do a part of this by promoting attendance at the workshops for legislative programming in the 1969 session.

It is my plan to continue the legislative work with a series of workshops around the state this coming fall and winter. Because the legislative program is so interesting and because it is so little known, I feel that a continuing educational program of this sort will carry out the fourth part of the "Plan for Development of Library Service in Montana", that of "Enlisting Cooperation".

I strongly recommend a substantial budget for legislative work each year. The amount not used for this work during the off-year, can be carried over for use during the legislative sessions. As the organization of libraries becomes stronger and larger, the need becomes greater to have a library lobby working 365 days a year for better service and more library funds.

Shirley Hake, Co-chairman, Margaret S. (R. D.) Warden, Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Much of the library legislation which was passed by the Legislature this year is of major importance to the implementation of Montana's plan for library development. One of the recommendations of "Plan for the Development of Library Service in Montana" included the following points:

> Legislation should be instituted to repeal out-of-date laws and to permit the State Library to enter into inter-state compacts.
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> Provide one law for the establishment, government and maintenance of all types of public libraries.

Senate Bills 39 and 41, which passed both houses of the Legislature and were signed into law by the Governor, are in direct support of these recommendations.

The other important highlight of the year was the meeting of the coordinators of all the federations in the state in Helena at the State Library on February 24, 1967. In the day long planning conference, the coordinators discussed with the State Library staff the

new titles of the Library Services and Construction Act, and the need to develop a plan for the statewide services they make possible. The Library Services act now has the following titles:

Title I - Services; Title II - Construction; Title III - Interlibrary Cooperation; a network of libraries; Title IVA - Service to Institutions; Title IVB - Service to the Physically Handicapped.

If you review the recommendations in the Plan, you begin to realize the giant steps that have been taken in carrying out most of them in the two years since Ruth Warncke wrote it. Of course there are many important recommendations still needing our urgent attention. It is, however, gratifying that the Plan has resulted in action, and that library development in Montana progresses in more orderly fashion because of it.

Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

MONTANA AUTHORS COMMITTEE

The Montana Authors Committee has carried on routine work during the past year. Names of Montana authors have been added to the files and new publications by Montana authors have been listed. Biographies are being brought up-to-date where information is available and is being requested from new Montana authors to complete the files.

Mrs. Jean Davis, Miss Minnie Paugh, Mrs. Adelaine Midgett, Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Montana Library Association submits the following slate of officers for 1967 - 1968:

President

Mrs. Jean Davis, Librarian, Eastern Montana College, Billings

Vice-President and President-Elect

Mrs. Adelaine Midgett, Assistant Catalog Librarian, University of Montana, Missoula

Secretary

Miss Shirley Hake, Librarian, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings

Treasurer

Mrs. Rita Nelson, Serials Librarian, University of Montana, Missoula

Mrs. Jean Davis, Mrs. Letitia Johnson, Mrs. Lucille Anderson, Chairman

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

American Library Association Bulletin, Library Journal and Wilson Bulletin were notified of the Montana Library Association officers and the dates of the conference with Idaho and Wyoming State Library Associations in Jackson, Wyoming.

Notices were sent to all public and school libraries requesting the librarians to bring or send any publicity material, such as scrapbooks, posters and etc. to the State Conference in Jackson, Wyoming, May 4, 5 and 6.

Due to illness, Sister Rose Frances was unable to serve as chairman of the publicity committee.

Marian Geil, Georgia Sala, Natalie Sliepcevich, Acting Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Montana State Library program under the Library Services Act which provides scholarships in the field of librarianship is paying big dividends as the scholarship graduates return to the state.

Mrs. Mable Brewer is now studying at the University of Washington School of Librarianship, and Mrs. Janet Clayton is completing her fifth year at the University of Minnesota School of Librarianship.

Returning graduates are Mrs. Terry Clay, now on the staff at the State Library in Helena; Harvey Palmer, on the staff of the Helena Public Library; and Miss Marian Anhalt, on the staff of the Great Falls Public Library.

The other very productive program instituted by the State Library is the Loyola University correspondence course based on the Small Library pamphlets in which several librarians of the state are enrolled.

These programs are in accord with the recommendation in "Plan for the Development of Library Service in Montana".

Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - 1967

Montana is now a three time winner in the Grolier Award competition for the state library association with the best program for National Library Week, having won an honorable Mention again last year. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Week and provides an especially appropriate occasion to celebrate.

Mrs. Leo Graybill, the first woman to serve as chairman of the State Committee, held an organizational meeting in Great Falls in January. The goals were adopted with particular emphasis on a strong legislative program this year. The enactment of three library bills and the increase of $25,000 in the State Library budget for each year of the biennium, aided so greatly by the efforts of the Legislative Committee and its chairmen, Margaret Warden and Shirley Hake, has assured us of success in attaining this goal.

The Stan Lynde drawing of the little boy on the horse proved to be so popular last year that it was picked for our motif again -- this time reproduced in four color. 125,000 bookmarks, posters and stationary were printed with this colorful drawing and using the slogan "Books are Friends". These promotion aids were distributed to all types of libraries, service clubs, organizations, banks and businesses. The AAUW in Butte and Helena used the bookmarks and posters at their annual book sales. Postage meter slugs with the motif were used on all mailings from the Mountain States Telephone Company, the Department of Public Instruction and the State Library.

One minute tapes with a message about National Library Week were sent to all the radio stations in the state, and also to the TV stations along with a slide of the Lynde drawing to be used in conjuction with the tape. State periodicals and newspapers received mats of the Boy on the Horse, and the widespread reproduction of this along with editorials and articles concerning the Week focused much attention upon the celebration. The Montana Woman, the official organ of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs, featured an excellent article about the National Library Week message in its March issue.

The local committees of public libraries planned a variety of activities. Teas, brochures, art show, dinners and special programs on TV and radio were among the events taking place. In Helena imaginative displays were shown in two of the banks, and local businesses incorporated the mat in their advertising during the week.

With the continuing recognition of this event each year, we hope to be increasingly effective in achieving the long range goal of library service of high quality for every resident in Montana.

Miss Alene Cooper, Executive Director

COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIANS

1966/67-- the Tri-state meeting year--as the Montana Library Association in general, and its College and Research librarians in particular, had been promised!

Suddenly, the chairman of the Montana unit of College and Research Librarians became aware that by Tri-state "division of labor" calculations, her committee had been assigned the duty of naming the Speaker for the Tri-state session of College and Research librarians. The year's work for the Montana committee was obviously fait accompli.

So the chairman and co-chairman moved away from the "inter-library loan policy ..report at the next meeting" (Directive in the committee's 1965/66 minutes) and took on a wider sweep of geographic territory and responsibility.

Choice of program speaker and subject narrowed gradually to an investigation of the common problems of our wider audience, one of the most critical problems being the expanding graduate study programs vs. the diminishing supply of research materials.

One hopeful solution to the problem may come through the program developing under the assistance and encouragement of the National Historical Publications Commission--particularly its new microfilm enterprises.

Mr. Fred Shelley, Assistant to the Executive Director of the National Historical Publications Commission (NHPC) has accepted our invitation to address the Tri-state group of College and Research Librarians meeting on May 6, 1967.

Minnie Paugh, Co-chairman, Mary K. Dempsey, Chairman

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Members of the Montana Association of School Librarians have shown their interest and concern in schools and libraries by participating in many projects and activities during the past year.

In the fall, all administrators and school librarians were encouraged to join MLA. Many educators have joined the Montana Library Association and are now benefitting from their membership in a professional organization. Membership in the school libraries division has increased considerably this year and it is hoped that this increase will continue until all school librarians are members of MLA, the organization which is chiefly concerned with libraries in Montana.

The major project this year was the regional library workshops held in October and November in Billings, Wolf Point, Great Falls and Missoula. We received a grant of $500 from the American Association of School Librarians Implementation Committee for the implementation of ALA Standards for school libraries. Under the leadership of Mrs. Letitia Johnson, chairman of the School Library Development Project, Mrs. Leilah Boepple, Eleanor Ivankovich and Mrs. Frances Wells, the workshops were organized on the theme "Methods of selecting quality library materials." Miss Eleanor Ahlers was secured as consultant. She is past president of the American Association of School Librarians and presently on the staff of the University of Washington Library School. Staff members from the State Department of Public Instruction cooperated with us by furnishing publicity and transportation within the state, thereby, making these workshops possible. The meetings were well attended by librarians, administrators and teachers and the project was considered worthwhile and beneficial to all who participated.

Cooperation between MASL and MEA Library Sectionals is continuing to improve. Reports of activities and endeavors are exchanged at the meetings to better inform all school librarians. Liaison members chosen by the MEA districts are Mrs. Mary Harstad, Eastern District; Mrs. Thelma Newby, South-western District; and John J. Breeden, North-central District.

Student librarians continue to get support and encouragement from MASL members for their activities. District meetings were stimulating and successful.

The Awards and Honors Committee with Mrs. Marguerite Petesch as chairman has been selecting a recipient for the "Administrator of the Year" award. This will be the second annual presentation of this award. The recipient will be announced at the Tri-State Convention at Jackson, Wyoming in May.

Many schools showed interest in the award made annually by Encyclopedia Britannica for the improvement in elementary school libraries. Applications were processed and forwarded to Chicago for judging. Although we didn't have a national winner, it is very encouraging to see that some elementary school libraries are making a concerted effort to improve their facilities and services.

All administrators and school librarians were contacted and encouraged to participate actively in National Library Week. It is hoped that each school will make a summary of the week's activities and that a cumulative report for the state can be made.

Favorable publicity for MASL and school libraries has appeared in many news media. We welcome all opportunities to promote interest in libraries and their services. As public interest increases the ways and means for providing better services will be made available and school libraries will improve the quantity and quality of service to the youth of Montana.

Mildred Valach, Chairman

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS DIVISION

The Trustees and Friends Division can look back on the past year with a truly satisfying sense of accomplishment. We were off to a good start with a well-attended division meeting at Missoula, where we were fortunate to have Mr. Joseph Shubert speak to us on a subject aimed exclusively at trustees and friends. Many of our plans have been realized and put into effect.

The Plan for the Development of Library Services in Montana, as written by Ruth Warncke, is in the process of being accomplished. Already several of the recommendations have been completed.

The big story of the year is library legislation. Our Trustee of the Year, 1965, Margaret Warden, is to be congratulated on her superhuman efforts. All three bills passed by a large majority and at this writing are awaiting the governor's signature.

Other members bringing honor to our State are: Velma Pemberton, appointed chairman of National Library Week of ALTA and Vivian Ellis, membership committee of ALTA.

Sanders County Trustees and Friends worked hard gaining local support, and they are now full fledged members of the Northwest Federation. Concerted effort on the part of Billings Trustees and Friends gained the required number of signatures on the petition, and their new building bond issue will be on the ballot as this goes to press.

Park and Gallatin counties are investigating and studying the extension of services by joining a federation.

The new and beautiful library in Great Falls should be finished and ready for occupancy by October of this year.

The MLA meeting this year, held in conjunction with Wyoming and Idaho, will be in Jackson, Wyoming. We hope to see many Trustees and Friends there, not only to enjoy the stunning scenery, but to reap the benefits of the excellent program planned for us.

Virginia B. Harlowe, Chairman

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - TRUSTEES

Nominees for the Trustee of the Year Award were received in February in response to the letter which the committee circulated to every public library in the State.

Awards are based on constructive accomplishment toward the advancement of library service; development of sound library policies; creative and effective work in interpreting the library to the community; interest and assistance in developing library service beyond the local community and in the promotion of improved library efficiency. The winning candidate will be announced at the yearly conference in Jackson, Wyoming.

Harold Rehmer, Sy Charles Seifert, and Florena Vinal, Chairman

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

The Committee sent a circular letter to all Montana school librarians asking for nominations for the School Administrator of the Year. Qualification, criteria, and guide-

lines were included. The response was excellent, giving evidence that school library programs are showing great improvement.

The winning nominee will be announced at the forthcoming Tri-State meeting of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming Library Associations, in Jackson, Wyoming.

Chester H. Roberts, C. Robert Waterman and Marguerita Petesch, Chairman

A.L.A. COUNCILOR

As your ALA Councilor, I was pleased to represent the Montana Library Association at the 85th Conference in New York City, July 10 to July 16. This was my first ALA Conference and it was a most enlightening and challenging experience. Despite the airline strike, it proved to be the largest conference ever with 9,342 in attendance. Six were from Montana.

The theme of the Conference was "Libraries and the Inquiring Mind." ALA President, Dr. Robert Vosper, reminded us that "while we have witnessed a dramatic surge of federal intention to upgrade library services for the inquiring mind at all levels, we have been increasingly aware of serious disabilities at the state level." Improvements on the state level should include strong library systems, field staff, automation of technical processes and library education.

With federal funds provided for planning for Title IV of LSCA (this title to assist in providing library services to institutions and the handicapped), the sectional meeting on "Goals for State Library Service to State Agencies and State Institutions" was informative. We heard Garrett Heyms, Director of Institutions, Olympia, Washington tell of a challenging state program. We were made aware of the deficiencies of Montana in this area.

The Young Adult Services Division provided a provocative round-table discussion of adult books popular with young people. 800 of us participated at tables for 10. All had done homework before the Conference by reading 4 selected titles. Opinions were exchanged and decisions reached as to why some titles were considered "Duds" and some "Dandies" by young adults.

Participating in the Council meetings, with our own Alma Jacobs on the Executive Board, focused our attention to ALA's positive action in strengthening the Civil Rights Law, the necessity of recruitment, scholarships for librarians and the increased resources available from federal funds.

With New York the home of many publishing and technical companies, the exhibits were particularly numerous and exciting. We can look forward for a wide use of many technical innovations in the libraries of the future.

A real conversation piece is how we (Ruth, Alma and Clare) returned to good old Montana, with buses and trains overloaded and airlines on strike.

Velma Pemberton and Alma Jacobs attended the Midwinter Meeting in New Orleans, January 8 to 14. Among the many items of business were appointments to the National Advisory Commission on Libraries by President Lyndon Johnson, the first such commission in the history of the nation; strengthening of intellectual freedom, continuing education for librarians and active participation in National Library Week. Montana was honored to have Velma Pemberton appointed chairman for National Library Week for ALTA.

Clare M. Smith, ALA Councilor

Services to other offices of government, now possible in the location of the library in Helena, have increased to a gratifying degree. Now, with the passage of Senate Bill 40, providing for the creation of a state publications distribution center as a division of the State Library, a new service can be given to the entire state and a closer working arrangement with other government offices.

Better service to the entire state has been possible in the large new quarters. A total of 38,867 books were circulated, 1,062 inter-library loans were processed and 40 book exhibits were sent out. The staff has made 93 consultative visits to libraries, giving on-the-job help with library problems, held 256 conferences with groups and individuals. A new service instituted last November provides direct dialing on a leased telephone line. This speeds up the services from the State Library and is used to a satisfying degree.

Mailings have been considerable. 147,079 items were sent out during the year. Besides the regular monthly and quarterly publications, a wide variety of library materials that prove helpful in pointing the way to better and more efficient service have been mailed.

Two scholarships in the amount of $5,000 each were awarded this year; to Mable Brewer, who will soon receive her degree from the University of Washington and to Janet Clayton who will return in June with her degree from the University of Minnesota. Small scholarships for workshops and for the Loyola Course on Public Library Service have been provided. On file are three applications for the $5,000 scholarships for the next fiscal year.

Two construction projects are underway; Great Falls is nearing completion of a library which has been spoken of as "the most beautiful building in the State." Wolf Point is soon to start its building and Billings has the good fortune to secure an existing building, located in the business district, which is large, functional and admirably suited to library purposes. An April 5th bond issue will determine whether or not the Library will be able to solve its housing problem in this satisfactory and economical manner. For fiscal '68, requests for matching funds under Title II of the Library Services and Construction Act are on file from Valier and Kalispell.

The demonstration by the Northwest Montana Federation of Libraries into Sanders County was successful and Inez Herrig, Coordinator, with her fellow librarians, Board members and friends are to be congratulated. Demonstrations continue in the Big Sky Federation and in Yellowstone County with Billings as the center.

High on the list of activities is planning for the new titles under the revised Library Services and Construction Act. Title III provides for inter-library cooperation; Title IV A, Services to Institutions; IV B; Services to the Physically Handicapped. Planning funds only were provided by Congress for the current fiscal year. The assistance of the library leadership in the State will be sought by the State Library Commission who will have the responsibility of presenting the plans.

The success of library legislation with the 40th Legislative Session is certainly gratifying. A full and exciting summary is presented by Margaret Warden in her Legislative Committee report. We will not repeat but use this space to express a world of thanks to Mrs. Warden and her large and effective committee. An experienced lobbyist made this comment: "The lobbying for library legislation has been conducted in a fashion that is absolutely flawless." In this we heartily concur.

Ruth O. Longworth, Librarian

PNLA REPRESENTATIVE

The largest conference to date in the history of Pacific Northwest Library Association, was held at the Sheraton Motor Hotel, Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon, August 23-26, 1966. There were more than 500 registrants.

"Continuing Challenge" was the theme of this 56th annual conference. Among the featured participants were Paul Wasserman, Dean of the University of Maryland School of Librarianship; Neal Harlow, Dean of the Graduate School of Library Science at Rutgers University; and Dr. William T. Newell, Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Washington, who spoke at the Library Planning Workshop.

The American Library Association was represented by Ruth Warncke, Deputy Executive Director; Dorothy Corrigan, Past President, Trustees Division; and Sara H. Wheeler, President, Children's Services Division.

The report of the PNLA Reorganization Committee was presented by Miss Lesley Heathcote, chairman, and was approved by the Association. The revised PNLA constitution and by-laws, as presented by Miss Heathcote, chairman of the Constitution Committee, was accepted.

Miss Ann Heidbreder, Staff Associate, National Library Week, presented Certificates of Recognition to Mrs. Barbara Houghton, who had served four years as Montana's executive director of National Library Week, and to Mr. Howard C. Porter, President of Billings Business College, for his work as citizen chairman of Montana's 1966 NLW program.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, has been chosen for the 1967 PNLA meeting and will be held August 23-25. Presiding will be Miss Alice McClain, Association Librarian, Montana State University Library.

Constance E. Piccioni

FEDERAL COORDINATOR

A detailed report on the amended Library Services and Construction Act was included in the Biennial Report, 1966, which has been mailed to all members of the Montana Library Association. Only planning money for the new titles was appropriated for fiscal '67 but the full amount available under the law was given for Title I and II.

A tremendous program of community and state activity is essential to effect favorable action from the Labor - HEW Appropriations Subcommittee of the House. With the tragic death of Congressman John E. Fogarty, librarians have lost a longtime, powerful and devoted friend, who earlier served as Chairman of this committee. Everyone interested in the future of the library program will need to acquaint the new members of the committee with their wishes for a full funding of the entire Library Services and Construction Act program. We must let them know what the Act has meant to our State and the Nation.

Title II of the Elementary and Secondary School Act has had a most beneficial effect on the school library situation in Montana. For this program, too, efforts must continue to secure the full appropriation.

The Higher Education Act, Title IIA provides for strengthening library resources Title IIB, Library Training. Guidelines have been sent for both programs, both of which are of vital concern for Montana.

President Johnson has appointed the full 20 members of the National Advisory Commission on Libraries. The appointment of this body is a history-making event, a national recognition of the importance of libraries and the need to coordinate our efforts for the benefit of all people.

Ruth O. Longworth, Federal Coordinator

LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

Incorporating the holdings of the Montana Historical Society and the replies to the questionnaires distributed last year, a list of local history sources was compiled and distributed to those libraries requesting it.

It is hoped that libraries having local history items not included in the list will report them to the committee. The committee would also appreciate receiving suggestions for making the list more practical to use.

In the future the committee expects to list additional sources of local history that are available in such sources as theses, local newspapers and museum collections.

Jean Davis, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Active members:			
School librarians		109	
Public Librarians		107	
College and special librarians		39	
	Total active		225
Associate members:			
Friends		138	
Trustees			
Commission members	4		
Public library trustees	185		
School administrators	40		
Total trustees		229	
Retired and out of state librarians		14	
	Total associate		381
Institutional members			6
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, 1966/67 (Above figures include 16 Life members)			642
GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP SINCE APRIL 1966		30	
NEW MEMBERS		138	

Minnie Paugh, Mildred Valach, Mrs. H. D. Harlowe, Rita M. Nelson, Chairman

REPORT OF TREASURER

GENERAL FUND:

Receipts:

Balance, April 1, 1966	$1527.06
Memberships	1621.50
Exhibitors fees, 1966 conference	204.00
Sale of meals, 1966 conference	1393.50
Registration fees, 1966 conference	154.00
Gift	1.00
	$4901.06

Disbursements:

Expenses, 1966 conference	$1695.86
Supplies	92.38
Postage	120.00
Expenses, Legislative Chairman	503.09
Treasurer, Honorarium	250.00
Expenses, Executive Board	159.24
American Library Association, Contribution	100.00
American Library Association, Membership	25.00
A.L.A. Exhibits Round Table, 1966 and 1967 dues	6.00
Transfer to Scholarship Fund, 1966/67 membership	162.15
	$3113.72

BALANCE	$1787.34
Balance, Scholarship Fund	877.10
BANK BALANCE	$2664.44

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Receipts:

Balance, April 1, 1966	$708.45
Gift	5.00
Sale of Books are Friends	1.50
Transfer from General Fund, 1966/67 memberships	162.15
	$877.10

(Mrs.) Rita M. Nelson, Treasurer